

REISSUE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: David S. Stutz et al.

Serial No.: Unknown

Filed: Concurrently Herewith

Docket: 777.115USR

Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY GENERATING OBJECT
CONNECTIONS

OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT

BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

In accord with the requirement of 37 C.F.R. § 1.178, Applicant hereby offers to surrender the original patent, U.S. Patent No. 5,485,617, issued on January 16, 1996 to David S. Stutz and Christopher A. Zimmerman, and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY GENERATING OBJECT CONNECTIONS," or, if the original is lost or inaccessible, an affidavit to such effect will be supplied before allowance of the above-identified reissue application.

Respectfully submitted,

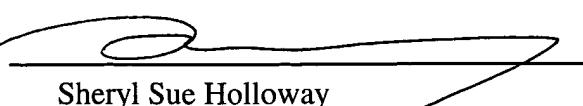
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ASSENT OF ASSIGNEE

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Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and to receive the Letters Patent. Please direct all communications to the following:

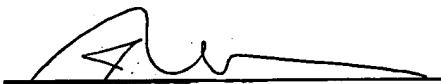
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CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR §3.73(b)

Microsoft Corporation hereby certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in U.S. Patent No. 5,485,617 identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to Microsoft Corporation filed in the patent application and recorded on Reel 6842, Frames 0220-0222. To the best of my knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee, Microsoft Corporation.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b) I hereby declare that I, John B. Mason, am empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee, Microsoft Corporation.

I hereby declare that all statement made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Date: 1/14/98By: 

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CONNECTIONS**ASSENT BY ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.172
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY****BOX PATENT APPLICATION**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Microsoft Corporation, being the Assignee of the entire interest in and to U.S. Patent No. 5,485,617, issued on January 16, 1996, to David S. Stutz and Christopher A. Zimmerman and entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY GENERATING OBJECT CONNECTIONS," hereby assents to the reissue of said patent.

Assignee hereby revokes any existing Powers of Attorney and appoints:

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as its attorneys, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute the reissue application, to make alterations and amendments therein, and to transact all business in the U.S.

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DECLARATION OF INVENTORS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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We, David S. Stutz and Christopher A. Zimmerman hereby declare as follows:

1. We are citizens of the United States residing at 19610 N.E. 116th, Redmond, WA 98053, USA, and 3006 West Lake Sammamish Parkway, S.E., Bellevue, WA 98008, USA.
2. We believe that we are the original co-inventors of the invention disclosed and claimed in U.S. Patent No. 5,485,617, issued on January 16, 1996, entitled "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR DYNAMICALLY GENERATING OBJECT CONNECTIONS," and claimed in the accompanying application for which we solicit a reissue patent.
3. We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of the reissue application.
4. We do not believe that the invention set forth herein was ever known or used in the United States before the invention thereof by ourselves.
5. We acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination to the reissue application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a).
6. We believe the above-identified patent is partially inoperative by reason of claiming less than we, the inventors, had a right to claim in the patent. Such inoperativeness includes particularly the failure to prosecute and obtain claims commensurate with the scope of new claims 46 and 47 filed in the reissue application.
7. On information and belief, we further declare that the reasons which render U.S. Patent No. 5,485,617 partially inoperative arose without any fraudulent or deceptive intention on

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our part, and, upon being informed of the significance of the foregoing facts, we concur in the filing of the reissue application by the assignee.

8. We further declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the reissue application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: _____

David S. Stutz

STATE OF _____)
)ss.
COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of _____, 1998 before me personally appeared David S. Stutz to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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Notary Public

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Dated: _____

Christopher A. Zimmerman

STATE OF _____)
)ss.

COUNTY OF _____)

On this ____ day of _____, 1997 before me personally appeared Christopher A. Zimmerman to me known and known to me to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and he/she duly acknowledged to me that he/she executed the same for the uses and purposes therein set forth.

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